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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Examiner	Art Unit	
Lloyd A. Gall	3676	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 36 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 22 September 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: Portions of page 10, line 1 are illegible. On page 18, line 22, "move" is misspelled. On page 21, line 3, portions are illegible. On page 22, line 1, "Therefore" is misspelled. On page 36, line 2, "cover" is misspelled. On page 39, line 1, "engagement" is misspelled.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim 36 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,622,534 in view of Breitschwerdt et al. Claims 1-24 of US Patent No. 6,622,534 teach all of the claimed structure including the housing, dead bolt, lock, dead bolt retracting structure and the escape lever. Claims 1-24 do not teach an inertia member. Breitschwerdt et al teaches an inertia member 11 or 31 used with an operating lever 7, 27. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide an inertia member with the escape lever of claims 1-24 of US Patent No. 6,622,534, in view of the teaching of Breitschwerdt et al, the motivation being to prevent unwanted actuation of the escape lever upon impact to the door.

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double

patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 36 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Soemer (667) in view of Breitschwerdt et al.

Soemer teaches a housing structure 10, a dead bolt 12, a lock 62, 64, 66, 50 to allow or prevent the dead bolt from being retracted by dead bolt retracting structure 32, 22, and an escape lever 44, 48 to allow the dead bolt to be retracted by rocking dog 38 when the lock is in either a locked or unlocked condition. Breitschwerdt et al teaches an inertia member 11 or 31 used with an operating lever 7, 27. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide an inertia member with the escape lever of Soemer, in view of the teaching of Breitschwerdt et al, the motivation being to prevent unwanted escape lever actuation upon impact to the door.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Jooss et al, Monig et al, Stuart et al, Tanimoto et al, Linder et al, and Kang also teach inertia members.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lloyd A. Gall whose telephone number is 703-308-0828. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bagnell can be reached on 703-308-2151. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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January 8, 2005


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